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APRIL 23, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—BRO. CASSEL, reported the number of additions during Bro. Bashor's stay with us. He did us a noble work. It is useless for me to say anything about his sermons as all know he does not preach poor sermons. The number of additions is only a small part of the work done. We feel grateful to the Waterloo Brethren for letting Bro. S. H. come. Our prayers are that the Lord may keep him, and abundantly bless him wherever he goes. I visited my old home in Va. Preached three sermons in the Brethren church, recently dedicated by Bro. Shafer, when over a score of souls were added. Within fifty yards of this church I preached my first sermon. I also attended a communion at Mt. Olive on the 19th of April, a glorious love feast. One hundred communed. There they follow the example of Christ a little closer than any communion I ever attended.

They leave no room for honest criticism, neither in matter of time nor the manner of observance. Bro. Joseph Hall, just closed a protracted meeting, at Mt. Grove, with more than a score of additions. This makes more than forty additions to the Rockingham, Va., church, within the last three months. The Rockingham church is poor financially, but it has been rich in material for preachers. Bro. B. F. Koontz, now of East Conemaugh, who has received hundreds into the church, was elected to the ministry there. I was elected there; I have received a thousand into the church. Bro. Joseph Hall, elected about one year ago has already received more than a score. If the Lord spares his life he will make a grand evangelist.—solid, straight goods.

I also have a brother twenty-two years old, well educated, just starting into the work, who will be successful for the Lord I am sure. Then among the new converts I know of at least two that will surely make good preachers. One has already decided to make preaching his life work. All solid doctrinal men. If one poor church can do that well, what could all our good churches combined do if they would utilize all the good material at their command.

Oh, my heart was made glad when I heard that Dr. Garst had taken the College. My earnest prayer to God is that he may have the united sympathy, prayers, influence and practical encouragement of the entire Brotherhood. Outside of more consecration to God there is nothing we need as badly as a good school. From the time we first took the school to the present I have always felt that the Lord would finally bring us out victorious; and while we have passed through some dark days I believe that the school, like Joseph after some thirteen years of trials, will be

thoroughly equipped to show forth its glory. May God grant.

We had a large congregation last night. One young lady baptized at the close of evening discourse.

I have begun a series of twelve discourses on practical Christianity. Theme; The model christian from his conversion to his triumph in glory. Brethren pray for us.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

ROANN, IND., APRIL 23, 1894.

DEAR BRO. HARRISON:

I herein send you the address of a sister in Iowa who moved from Roann some time ago. She is isolated from the church and wishes the church paper. Please send her the EVANGELIST for the rest of the year and report the amount to her and she will send you the money.

My family is in better health now. Our church work moves on in encouraging conditions.

We will hold our spring communion here in Roann on the evening of May the 21, 1894. There will be a week's meeting previous to the communion. A special invitation is given to our ministering brethren to stop with us on their way to the state ministerial meeting.

We will also hold communion services at Mexico on the evening of June 5th, 1894. There will also be a week's meeting previous to the communion.

The S. S. C. E. of Roann will to-day send to Bro. Rowland for Holsinger (\$10) ten dollars.

L. W. DITCH.

The man who is climbing the Alps has but to follow his guide and set his foot in the right spot before him. This is the way you and I must let Christ lead, and have him so close to us also that it will be but a short way to behold him. Sometimes young Christians say to me, 'I am afraid to make a public profession of Christ; I may not hold out.' They have nothing to do with holding out, it is simply their duty to hold on.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

Who that has languished even in advanced life, in sickness and despondency; who that has pined in a weary bed, in the neglect and loneliness of a foreign land, but has thought on the mother "that looked on his childhood," that smothered his pillow and administered to his helplessness.—Washington Irving.

It is impossible to form the faintest estimate of the good—the highest kind of good—which a single devout soul may accomplish in a life time by spreading the holy contagion of the love of God in widening circles around it.—Francis Power Cobbe.

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